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Subject: READ AHEAD for 5/6 COVID CALL: Proposed National Tracking Spreadsheet to address FOIAs/Congressionals re

Temporary Policy

Colleagues:

We have received multiple FOIAs and Congressional requests asking for information about requests for enforcement discretion under the Temporary Policy. This email discusses a proposed approach to respond to these requests. We will be discussing this approach on tomorrow's COVID call.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

OECA and Lead Region think the most efficient method to process these FOIAs and Congressional inquiries at this point is to create a single standardized excel spreadsheet for regions to maintain. We developed a proposed tracking spreadsheet (see link below) based on our review of the tracking spreadsheets submitted by Regions last week. For the Regional spreadsheet information submitted to date, Joe Wilwerding has offered to transfer that information to the standard spreadsheet.

The spreadsheet will be maintained on the Lead Region SharePoint site in the COVID 19 folder (here). We propose that each region designate 1-3 people to keep the spreadsheet up to date and those individuals will be granted access to the folder (please send names to Joe and Abby) later this week. The Congressional hearings on the Temporary Enforcement Policy are scheduled to start soon, so we would like to reach agreement on this proposed approach tomorrow.

Thank you,

Suzanne, Kathleen and Amy

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